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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended)** Closure cap for sealing an opening in a base part (13), with an exterior marginal web (5) that can be inserted into the opening, with a shielding section (4) that protrudes past the marginal web (5), and with a hot-melt adhesive (11) that is arranged in the area of the shielding section (4) and is deformable in a plastic manner when heated above a softening temperature, whereby configured on the marginal web (5) is an abutment arrangement (7) that grips the base part (13) when the closure cap (1) is inserted into the opening, whereby a joint zone [(3)] having a flexural rigidity that is reduced versus that of the shielding section (4) is configured between the marginal web (5) and the shielding section (4), and whereby the distance between [(the)] gripping contact areas (9) of the abutment arrangement (7) and the bottom side of the hot-melt adhesive (11), which faces the marginal web (5), is smaller than the thickness of the base part (13) in the marginal area (14) of the opening such that an initial tension is created in the joint zone [(3)] when the closure cap (1) is inserted into the opening, characterized in that wherein present between the shielding section (4) and the joint zone [(3)] is a groove-like transition section zone (12), which is filled with hot-melt adhesive (11) and which is open towards the exterior margin of the shielding section (4).

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**Claim 2 (Currently Amended):** Closure cap according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the joint zone exhibits a groove section (3), the thickness of material of which is reduced versus adjacent interior areas.

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended):** Closure cap according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the groove section (3) is open in the direction pointing away from the marginal web (5).

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended):** Closure cap according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the abutment arrangement (7) exhibits snap-in catches (8) that can move transversely to the marginal web (5) and are connected with the marginal web (5).

**Claim 5 (Currently Amended):** Closure cap according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the abutment arrangement (7) has a number of sawtooth-like projections configured on the marginal web (5).

**Claim 6 (New):** Closure cap according to claim 4 further including at least one recess (10) that extends entirely through the marginal web (5) and allows the snap-in catches (8) to move transversely to the marginal web (5).

**Claim 7 (New):** Closure cap according to claim 2, wherein the joint zone (3) terminates at a position that is spaced from the base part (13) in a longitudinal

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direction a distance that is smaller than the distance between the shielding section (4) and the base part (13) in the longitudinal direction.